

many other is dangerous. No state or local government can replace these federal funds to prevent the damage the current appropriations bill would cause.

We strongly urge you to go on record as opposing the Labor/HHS/Education appropriations bill. The role of the federal government should not be to harm children by withdrawing established and effective support.

Sincerely,

RONALD PRESCOTT,
Associate Superintendent.

IF THE GOVERNMENT SHUTS
DOWN, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
SHOULDN'T GET PAID

HON. RICHARD J. DURBIN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, if the Government closes, so should its pocketbook. Today, I am introducing legislation to cut off the paychecks of Members of Congress if the Federal Government shuts down because of budget gridlock. Senator BOXER of California is introducing identical legislation in the Senate.

Under Federal law, the House and the Senate must pass all appropriations bills by October 1. If all the bills are not approved and a stop-gap measure is not enacted, the Federal Government will be unable to make payments or meet its obligations. Such a "train wreck" could result in a shutdown of certain Federal operations.

Too many politicians on Capitol Hill are talking about a "train wreck" as if we're dealing with toy trains. A shutdown of the Federal Government is a serious matter, and Members of Congress should take it seriously.

The bill I am introducing is simple—if we don't finish the job, we don't get paid. The bill has three simple provisions.

First, Members would not receive basic pay for any period in which there is a lapse in appropriations for any Federal agency or department as a result of a failure to enact a regular appropriations bill or continuing resolution.

Second, Members would not receive basic pay for any period in which the Federal Government is unable to make payments or meet obligations because the public debt limit has been reached.

Third, no pay forfeited under this measure would be paid retroactively.

A Government shutdown is not child's play. If a "train wreck" occurs, it will disrupt the lives of millions of Americans.

Even if so-called essential services are continued, many people will be affected by the shutdown of Federal offices. Let me give a few examples.

The small business owner looking for a Federally-assisted loan or technical assistance may be told to put his business plans on hold until the shutdown ends.

The senior citizen trying to apply for Social Security benefits may have to delay her retirement because her application can't be processed.

The farmer looking for advice from the Soil Conservation Service may find the office closed and no one answering the telephones.

These disruptions are not necessary. It's our responsibility to avoid a "train wreck" while Congress and the President debate the broad-

er spending priorities over which we differ. We ought to be able to allow the Government to continue operating while we negotiate our differences over spending priorities. If not, Congressional salaries should be first on the budget chopping block.

I urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring this legislation to make Members feel the pain that will be inflicted on others if the Government shuts down.

HOUSING SCHOLARSHIP
DEDICATION IN FREMONT, CA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to join my constituents in the celebration of the completion of the modernization of the Century Village Apartments, a 100-unit apartment complex in the city of Fremont.

This complex was recently acquired and renovated by the Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition, a nonprofit housing developer, with financing assistance provided by the city of Fremont and its redevelopment agency.

Ten apartments at the Century Village are reserved for participants in the Housing Scholarship Program, which combines affordable housing, job training, child care, and other supportive services, to enable participants to obtain full-time employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency. Through donated units and units required through financing agreements to be reserved for housing scholarships, the program is helping people who are helping themselves during a critical period in their lives.

To date, a total of 70 housing scholarships have been provided to families who are in job training. Over 90 percent of the housing scholarship recipients have successfully completed job training. Housing Scholarship Program graduates are developing new leadership skills and becoming valuable assets to the program and the community. Graduates have testified before the city council about the need for additional housing units. Graduates also serve as mentors for new job training participants.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I come before you today celebrating with my constituents the success of the Housing Scholarship Program and the completion of the Century Village Apartments. I hope all my colleagues will join in congratulating the city of Fremont and the Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition for their contribution to their community.

TRIBUTE TO QUENTIN ALEXANDER

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, we are all aware of the outstanding work the Boy Scouts of America [BSA] does in training future generations of leaders for our country, and I can testify personally to the benefits of Scouting in my own life. That's why it is a particular pleasure for me to recognize my friend Quentin Alexander today in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Quentin has been in professional Scouting for the past 38 years, during the last 21 of which he has served as the Scout executive in the Mount Diablo-Silverado Council of the BSA in my home region in the East Bay of San Francisco. Under his stellar leadership, the Mount Diablo-Silverado Council now serves as the facilitating organization for 18,000 Scouts every year. The Council Endowment Fund has been substantially enlarged under Quentin's careful stewardship, and the new Scout Service Center will offer quality Scouting services for decades to come.

Quentin and his gracious wife Nancy plan to remain in our mutual hometown of Danville after Quentin leaves the Mount Diablo-Silverado Council and look forward to staying active in church and community affairs. While Scouting will miss Quentin's active participation, I look forward to benefiting from Quentin's sage counsel and deep concern for America's youth for years to come. It is an honor for me to applaud Quentin's splendid service to our Nation's young people, and to extend my best wishes to him, Nancy, and their loved ones for all the days ahead.

MEDICARE CUTS

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, over the August recess, I went around my city of Denver—from hospitals to neighborhoods—to talk about the proposed Republican Medicare cuts and how it will affect people's lives and health.

In Denver, we have many teaching hospitals—some of the best health care facilities in the country. They are also a good health care deal for the American public.

In teaching hospitals, doctors get their training, hospitals get qualified personnel, and the public gets access to some of the best health care possible.

Now teaching hospitals are going to take Republican Medicare cuts on the chin. Cuts in Medicare will force teaching hospitals to reduce the number of medical trainees they can employ—medical residents who regularly work 80 hours a week, doctors trained with the most up-to-date technology and curricula.

In my district, St. Joseph Hospital employs 100 residents. Cuts in Medicare will reduce the reimbursement St. Joseph's gets to employ medical residents, an annual loss of \$1.4 million that the hospital will have to make up from somewhere else in the budget.

Under the Republican Medicare cut scenario everyone loses: the doctors, the hospitals, and most of all, the public.

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NA-
TIONAL POLISH ALLIANCE
GROUP NO. 1837

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the 80th anniversary of the Polish National Alliance Group No. 1837. Formed on